



Saint Paulinus CE Primary School

Homework Policy

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Autumn 2023: This policy is currently under review.

Homework refers to tasks given to pupils, by their teachers, to be completed outside of usual lessons. At St Paulinus CE Primary School, we believe that homework is most effective in supporting pupils' learning when it is linked to classroom work and that feedback on homework tasks that involve the pupils directly has further impact on learning.

We believe that reading is fundamental in underpinning children's progress across their entire education and a love of reading should be encouraged at school and at home. We will always strive to do everything we can to promote a love of reading in our pupils with the ultimate aim being that reading at home is something that pupils actively want to do and does not feel like a task. We have structured our homework setting to ensure that time for reading at home can be prioritised.

Setting, completing and marking homework:

- Teachers in Years Reception - 6 will expect children to read regularly with an adult at home and for reading diaries to be kept up to date.

- Teachers in Year 1 - 6 will provide their classes with a spelling list every week. Teachers will also suggest a creative spelling activity for the children to complete to support their learning of the spelling lists. The creative spelling activity is optional. Teachers will test pupils on their spellings each week, in class.
- Teachers in Years 1 - 4 will set a maths task **every other** week. The maths task will be consolidation and revision of maths that has already been taught in class. The maths task will be marked in class, with the teacher modelling the correct approach to answering each question and addressing any misconceptions with the pupils directly.
- Teachers in Years 5 and 6 will set a maths task **every week**. The maths task will be consolidation and revision of maths that has already been taught in class. The maths task will be marked in class, with the teacher modelling the correct approach to answering each question and addressing any misconceptions with the pupils directly.
- Teachers will not chase maths homework that has not been handed in on time. Teachers will not mark maths homework that is handed in late.
- All children, whether they have completed the maths task or not, will take part in the teacher's method modeling session.
- Spelling and maths tasks will be set in a homework book. Spelling lists will also be published on the class pages on the school website.
- For specific arrangements regarding homework setting and hand-in days/dates, please see the Homework page of the school website.